

Crop Report

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Saskatchewan farmers now have nine per cent of the 2006 crop planted, down from the five year average of 11 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Seeding is most advanced in the southwest, where 27 per cent of the crop has been planted. Farmers have seeded eight per cent of the crop in the southeast, and four per cent in the west central region. The remaining areas have less than three per cent of the crop seeded.

Some south western areas received precipitation last week, which helped improve topsoil moisture conditions. Overall, topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are similar to last week, with just over one quarter of crop reporters indicating surplus topsoil moisture conditions and just over two-thirds indicating adequate topsoil moisture conditions on crop land. In north eastern and east central regions, more than half of the reporters continue to report surplus moisture.

Across the province, two per cent of the winter wheat and three per cent of the fall rye were reported

as winterkilled. Many farmers reported that damage came from flooding this spring.

Pre-seeding fieldwork continues as weather permits.

Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 7/06	9
5-year Avg. (2001-05)	11
May 8/05	16
May 9/04	19
May 4/03	3
May 5/02	2
May 6/01	13

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

More Saskatchewan producers may be considering large Kabuli chickpeas as part of their 2006 seeding plans. If you have endorsed chickpeas for coverage this year, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance reminds you to review the terms and conditions applied to this crop. Copies are available at your customer service office and at www.saskcropinsurance.com. These terms and conditions include recommended agronomic practices regarding seeding dates, seed treatment, disease prevention and control and crop rotations.

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1 Year Ago

Sixteen per cent of the 2005 crop was seeded.

Precipitation improved topsoil moisture conditions in some north western and south eastern areas.

Five per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were reported as winterkilled.

Warmer weather and precipitation were needed.



Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 7/06	May 8/05
1a	10	15
1b	5	19
2a	7	24
2b	8	16
3an	12	20
3ase	12	34
3asw	10	22
3bn	27	30
3bs	37	37
4a	46	51
4b	46	56
5a	2	13
5b	1	8
6a	2	11
6b	5	7
7a	4	17
7b	5	9
8a	2	6
8b	1	9
9ae	0	3
9aw	1	4
9b	5	2
Prov.	9	16

**South eastern Saskatchewan
(Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)**

This past week was cool and windy in the southeast with rain and snow showers. By the weekend, the weather was warm and sunny. An average of 10 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 3 mm in Crop District (CD) 1ase to an average high of 20 mm in CD 1b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were reported as adequate by 75% of reporters, compared to 72% last week. Twenty-two per cent of reporters rate topsoil moisture on crop land as surplus. Some farmers were burning stubble in an effort to dry land for seeding. On hay and pasture land, 85% of reporters report adequate topsoil moisture conditions, while 12% rate topsoil moisture conditions as short. Rain is needed in areas of CD 3ase to promote grass growth.

Some seeding progress was made and south eastern farmers report 8% of the 2006 crop planted, up from 2% last week. Crop Districts 3an and 3ase are furthest advanced at 12% seeded. Crop District 1b is least advanced with 5% seeded. Crops being seeded include peas, durum, spring wheat, lentils, barley, and canola.

Two per cent of both the winter wheat and the fall rye were winterkilled in the southeast. Some of the "winterkill" was actually spring drown out.

Farmers continue with rock picking, spraying, and applying fertilizer and chemical. Supplies of some pasture mixes were in short supply in CD 2a.

**South western Saskatchewan
(CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)**

This past week in the southwest was cool with snow early in the week, changing to more moderate temperatures as the week progressed. An average of 6 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from 3 mm reported in CD 3asw, to an average high of 14 mm in CD 4b. The wind caused some crop erosion in CD 4a. There were also reports of some germination problems due to dry soil in CD 4a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved as 83% of reporters rated moisture as adequate, compared to 78% last week. Thirteen per cent rate cropland topsoil moisture as short. On hay and pasture land, 70% report adequate topsoil moisture conditions,

compared to 64% last week. Twenty-eight per cent rate hay and pasture land topsoil moisture as short. In CD 3bs, native grass land and light land are very short of moisture.

South western farmers report 27% of the 2006 crop planted, up from 12% last week. Crop District 4 is furthest advanced at 46% seeded and CD 3asw is least advanced at 10% seeded. Some early seeded crops are emerging.

One per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the southwest.

Gophers continue to be a problem in CD 3asw. There was some concern of frost damage to early crops and alfalfa in CD 3bn. Chickpea inoculant was in short supply in CD 3bs.

**East central Saskatchewan
(Crop Districts 5 & 6a)**

The east central region started cool and damp last week, but turned milder by the end of the week. An average of 6 mm of precipitation, including snow, was reported. This ranged from an average low of 5 mm in CD 6a, to an average high of 7 mm in CD 5a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land remained the same as last week, with 56% of reporters rating moisture as surplus. Sloughs are numerous, there are lots of washouts in fields, and some roads are still flooded. On hay and pasture land, 72% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 63% last week.

East central farmers report 2% of the 2006 crop planted, up from

less than one half of 1% last week. Crop Districts 5a and 6a report 2% seeded, while CD 5b reports 1%. Crops being planted include peas and spring wheat.

Three per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the east central region. In some areas, fall crops were hurt more by spring flooding than by cold winter weather.

While waiting for the fields to dry enough for seeding, some farmers were harrowing, spraying, picking rocks, applying fertilizer, and repairing machinery. Many are facing heavy weed pressure. Flax straw was raked and burned. Some unharvested crop from 2005 was also burned. A shortage of diesel fuel was reported at one dealer in CD 5b.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central region was cool with snow and rain until temperatures warmed up near the end of the week. An average of 14 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 13 mm in CD 6b to an average high of 14 mm in CD 7. Alfalfa was set back by the cold.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved with 26% of reporters rating moisture conditions as surplus, compared to 32% last week. On hay and pasture land, conditions were similar to last week with 83% of reporters indicating adequate topsoil moisture conditions.

West central farmers report 4% of the 2006 crop planted, up from less than one-half of 1% last week.

Crop Districts 6b and 7b are furthest advanced at 5% seeded. Crops planted include peas, lentils, spring wheat, and canola.

Six per cent of the winter wheat and 4% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the west central region. Much of the damage was due to spring drown-out.

Farmers were applying fertilizer and chemical, spraying, harrowing, fencing, and smoothing out wash-outs in the fields. Weed growth is heavy. There was a shortage of good oats and barley seed in CD 6b.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

Snow and rain early in the week in the northeast turned warmer with some shower activity. An average of 16 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 12 mm reported in CD 9ae to an average high of 18 mm in CD 8b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated the same as last week with 54% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus. On hay and pasture land, 67% of reporters rate topsoil moisture as adequate, up slightly from 65% last week.

Some seeding progress was made this past week. North eastern farmers report 1% of the 2006 crop planted, up from nothing planted last week. District 8a is furthest advanced at 2% seeded.

Three per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the northeast.

Some of the unharvested 2005 crop was burned and some was combined. Barley that was combined

was infected with fusarium. Farmers were applying fertilizer, spraying, harrowing, and smoothing ruts in fields.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

This past week brought snow and rain to the northwest, and also some warm, sunny weather. An average of 24 mm of precipitation was reported, with some locations reporting up to 40 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 88% of north western reporters, compared to 85% last week. On hay and pasture land, 96% report adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared to 85% last week.

Some seeding progress was made during the past week. North western farmers report 3% of the 2006 crop planted, up from one half of 1% last week. Crop District 9b is furthest advanced at 5% seeded. Peas are the primary crop that has been seeded.

One per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the northwest. Much of the damage was from spring flooding.

There were shortages of some varieties of seed in CD 9aw as well as some germination issues. Some combining of the 2005 crop was done, but much of it had sustained wildlife damage. Farmers were harrowing, fertilizing, fencing, and spraying.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 6, 2006

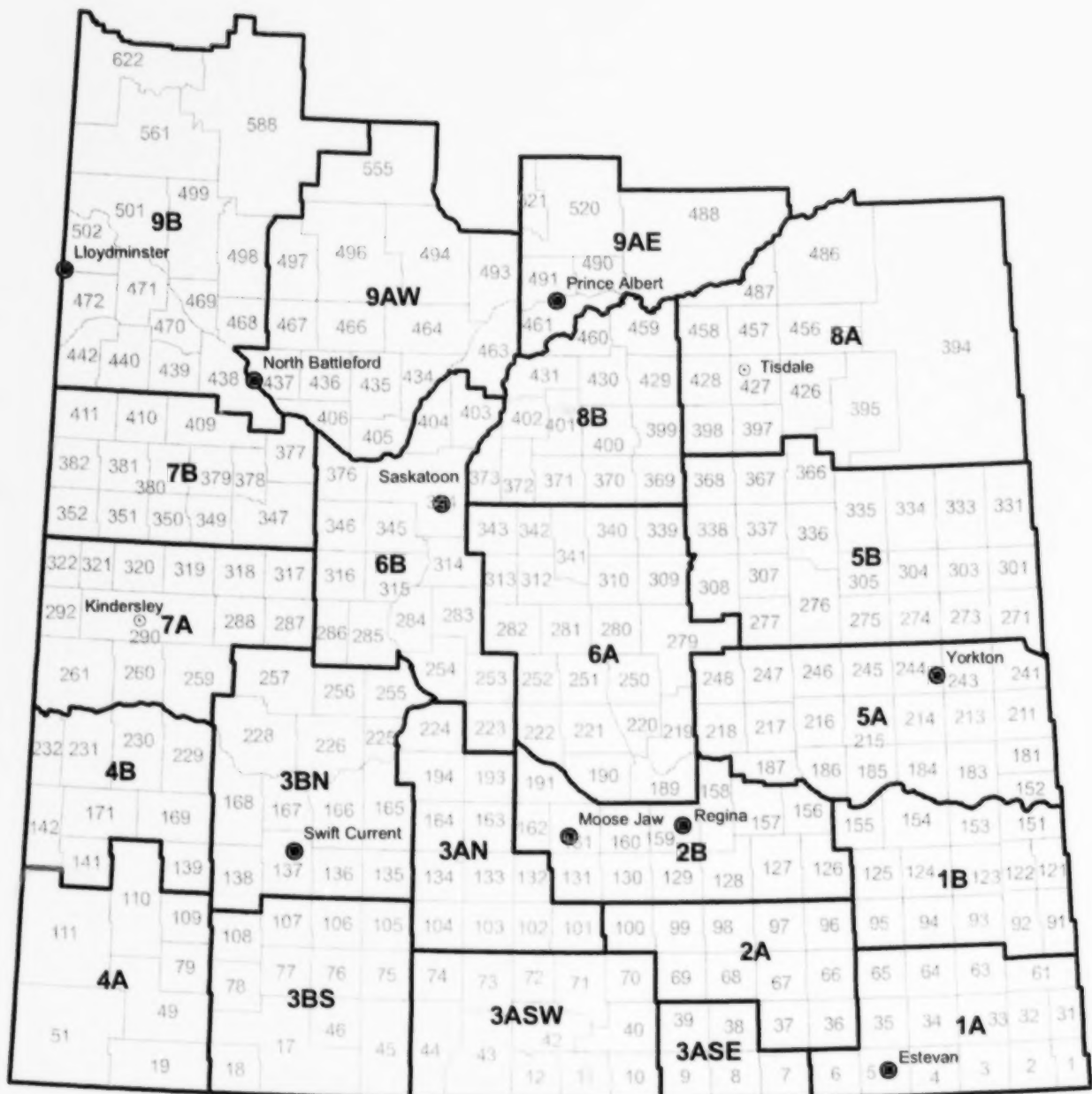
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Dist. No. Name			Past Week	Since April 1	Dist. No. Name			Past Week	Since April 1	Dist. No. Name			Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	10	60	136	Coulee	4	30	376 B	Eagle Creek	27	34		
	2	Mount Pleasant	18	82	138	Webb	8	20	404	Laird	25	31		
	3 B	Enniskillen	16	78	165	Morse	5	21	7A	259	Snipe Lake	15	28	
	33 B	Moose Creek	15	66	166	Excelsior	8	17	287	St. Andrews	8	22		
	34	Browning	14	102	167	Sask. Landing	10	35	288	Pleasant Valley	14	40		
	35	Benson	17	90	225	Canaan	5	15	292	Milton	29	56		
	63 A	Moose Mountain	50	52*	228 A	Lacadena	12	29	317 B	Marriott	13	41		
	64	Brock	10	92	228 B	Lacadena	11	37	317 C	Marriott	6	36		
	65	Tecumseh	5	77	255	Coteau	3	28	318 A	Mountain View	17	48		
	92	Walpole	26	65	257	Monet	15	29	318 B	Mountain View	26	50		
1B	93	Wawken	14	83	4A	49 A	White Valley	6	15	320	Oakdale	9	50	
	95	Golden West	11	108	49 B	White Valley	12	18	321	Prairiedale	6	59		
	122	Martin	38	116	51	Reno	4	17	7B	347 A	Biggar	17	31	
	123	Silverwood	20	91	111 A	Maple Creek	11	19	350 A	Mariposa	18	39		
	124	Kingsley	12	78	111 B	Maple Creek	18	23	350 B	Mariposa	11	47		
	125	Chester	4	94	4B	139	Gull Lake	9	19	351	Progress	10	40	
	151 A	Rocanville	43	132	141	Big Stick	13	20	352	Heart's Hill	12	42		
	151 B	Rocanville	26	124	142	Enterprise	16	29	377	Glenside	22	33		
	153	Willowdale	10	76	169	Pittville	6	8	378 A	Rosemount	15	37		
	155	Wolseley	6	128	231	Happyland	20	36	378 B	Rosemount	13	24		
2A	36	Cymri	12	89	232	Deer Forks	20	32	379	Reford	18	33		
	66	Griffin	6	70	5A	152	Spy Hill	21	99	380 A	Tramping Lake	6	11	
	67	Weyburn	5	85	185	McLeod	6	91	381	Grass Lake	10	28		
	68	Brokenshell	3	72	186	Abernethy	5	88	382	Eye Hill	20	35		
	69	Norton	TR	77	187	North Qu'appelle	2	76	409	Buffalo	13	23		
	96	Fillmore	4	83	211	Churchbridge	18	67	410	Round Valley	7	12		
	99	Caledonia	TR	84	213	Saltcoats	9	63	411	Senlac	18	38		
	2B	126	Montmartre	1	69	216	Tullymet	3	87	8A	395	Porcupine	12	47
	127	Francis	3	80	217 B	Lipton	4	66	397	Barrier Valley	12	44		
	128	Lajord	2	55	245 A	Garry	8	88	398	Pleasantdale	23	35		
2B	129	Bratt's Lake	1	60	245 B	Garry	4	87	428	Star City	20	31		
	131	Baldon	4	63	246	Ituna Bon Accord	7	81	456	Arborfield	7	33		
	156 A	Indian Head	3	90	247	Kellross	4	93	457 A	Connaught	21	35		
	156 B	Indian Head	4	95	248	Touchwood	3	49	457 B	Connaught	18	22		
	157	South Qu'appelle	5	88	5B	271	Cote	7	68	458	Willow Creek	21	27	
	158	Edenwold	2	73	273	Sliding Hills	11	50	486	Moose Range	10	26		
	160	Pense	NIL	35	275 B	Insinger	7	76	487	Nipawin	15	25		
	161	Moose Jaw	16	100	276	Foam Lake	2	71	8B	369	St. Peter	20	59	
	191	Marquis	2	69	277	Emerald	4	70	370	Humboldt	16	37		
	3ASE	8	Lake Alma	6	85	304	Buchanan	6	65	371	Bayne	9	22	
3ASE	9	Surprise Valley	1	77	307	Elfrs	4	78	372	Grant	10	13		
	38 A	Laurier	4	81	308	Big Quill	5	47	373	Aberdeen	10	21		
	38 B	Laurier	2	57	333	Clayton	2	4*	400	Three Lakes	26	38		
	39 B	The Gap	2	65	335	Hazel Dell	4	78	401	Hoodoo	16	16		
	3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	51	336	Sasman	8	73	402	Fish Creek	20	26	
	12	Poplar Valley	2	39	338	Lakeside	8	48	429 A	Flett's Springs	24	49		
	40	Bengough	3	56	366 A	Kelvington	4	36	429 B	Flett's Springs	20	30		
	42	Willow Bunch	3	65	366 B	Kelvington	4	37	430	Invergordon	21	24		
	43 A	Old Post	3	45	367	Ponass Lake	8	50	431	St. Louis	14	16		
	43 B	Old Post	2	40	6A	189	Lumsden	1	63	9AE	461	Prince Albert	15	21
3ASW	44	Waverley	8	79	190 B	Dufferin	3	69	488	Torch River	18	24		
	71 A	Excel	7	70	190 C	Dufferin	1	53	520	Paddockwood	9	15		
	71 B	Excel	2	56	219 C	Longlaketon	3	59	9AW	406	Mayfield	27	31	
	71 C	Excel	5	109	220	McKillop	3	61	435	Redberry	42	46		
	73 A	Stonehenge	0	73	221	Sarnia	4	61	436	Douglas	33	37		
	73 B	Stonehenge	5	78	222	Craik	11	59	463	Duck Lake	15	18		
	3AN	101 A	Terrell	2	71	251	Big Arm	3	42	464	Leask	26	29	
	101 B	Terrell	1	53	252	Arm River	4	47	466	Meeting Lake	22	33		
	102	Lake Johnston	4	65	279 A	Mount Hope	5	41	467	Round Hill	30	30		
	132	Hillsborough	5	70	279 B	Mount Hope	7	57	467 B	Round Hill	15	15		
3AN	134	Shamrock	2	80	280	Wreford	4	42	493	Shellbrook	19	19		
	164	Chaplin	7	40	282	McCraney	2	21	494	Canwood	21	24		
	193	Eyebrow	6	59	309	Prairie Rose	4	63	496	Spiritwood	21	25		
	3BS	17 A	Val Marie	5	34	312	Morris	4	32	555	Big River	17	17	
	17 B	Val Marie	2	38	313	Lost River	5	22	9B	438 A	Battle River	20	21	
	45	Mankota	TR	63	339 B	Leroy	7	48	438 B	Battle River	20	20		
	46	Glen Mcpherson	NIL	48	340 A	Wolverine	7	47	440	Hillsdale	5	8		
	75 A	Pinto Creek	2	55	340 B	Wolverine	8	46	468	Meota	30	30		
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	26	343	Blucher	13	47	498 A	Parkdale	10	12		
	76 B	Auvergne	6	39	6B	254	Loreburn	8	18	499	Mervin	14	16	
3BS	77	Wise Creek	5	24	283	Rosedale	5	14	501 A	Frenchman Butte	21	25		
	78 A	Grassy Creek	7	21	284	Rudy	15	30	501 C	Frenchman Butte	40	40		
	105	Glenbain	7	70	285	Fertile Valley	9	33	502	Britannia	35	38		
	106	Whiska Creek	2	27	286	Milden	8	15	561	Loon Lake	32	32		
	107	Lac Pelletier	7	14	344	Corman Park	15	25	588 A	Meadow Lake	14	14		
	108	Bone Creek	13	32	345	Vanscoy	5	27	588 B	Meadow Lake	34	34		
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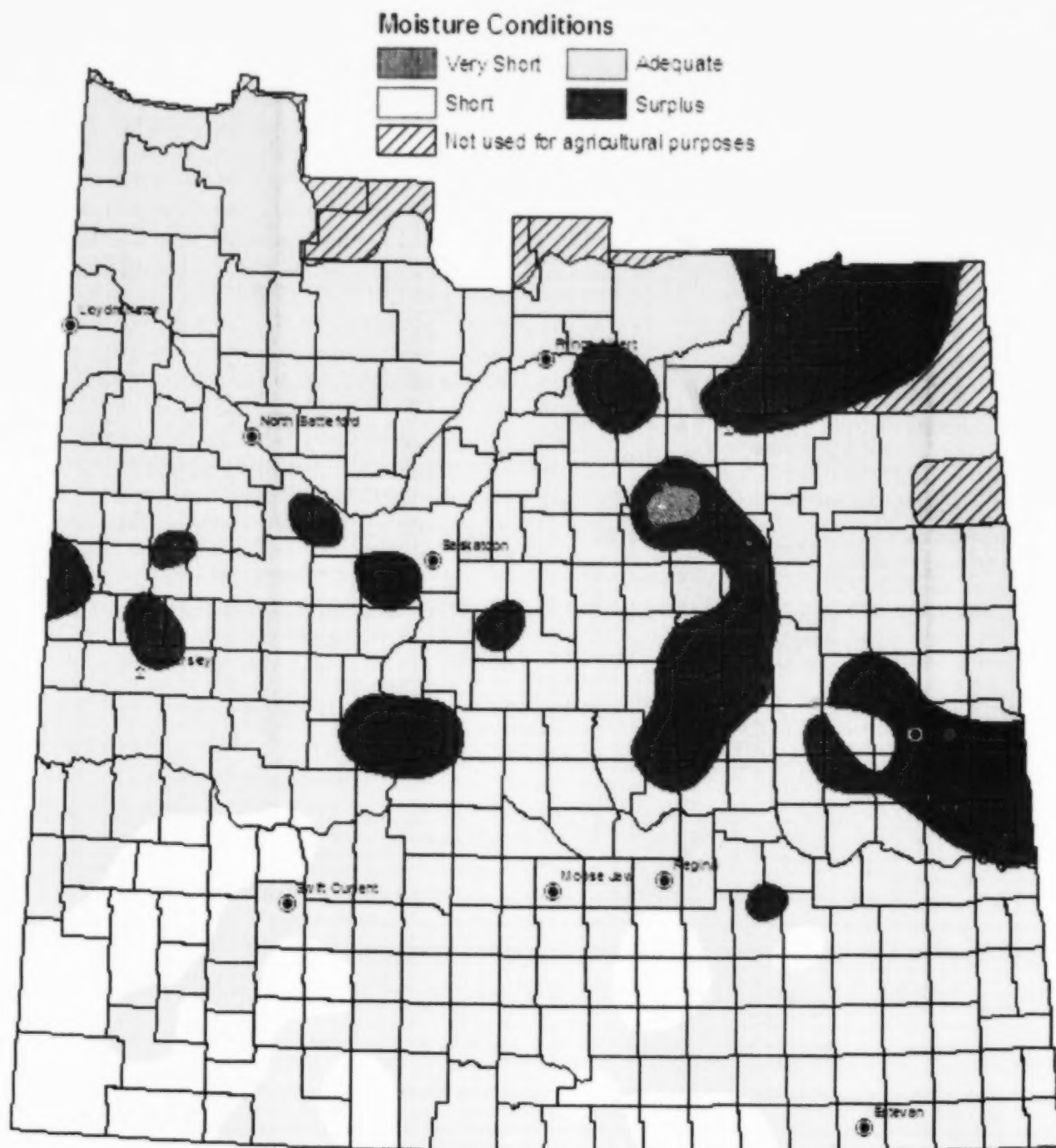
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Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities



Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 7, 2006



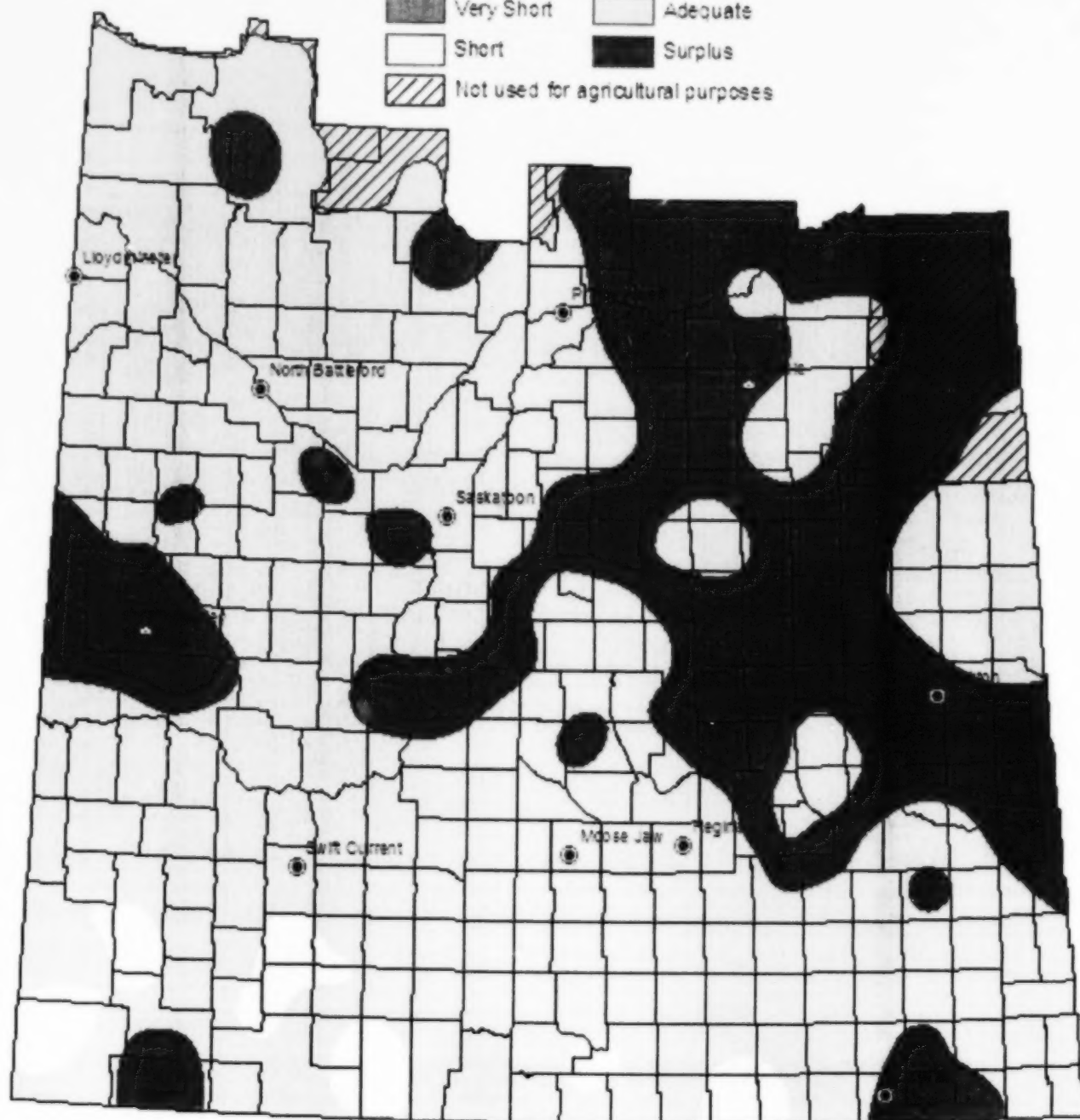
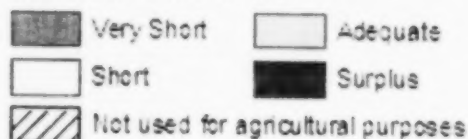
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Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 7, 2006

Moisture Conditions



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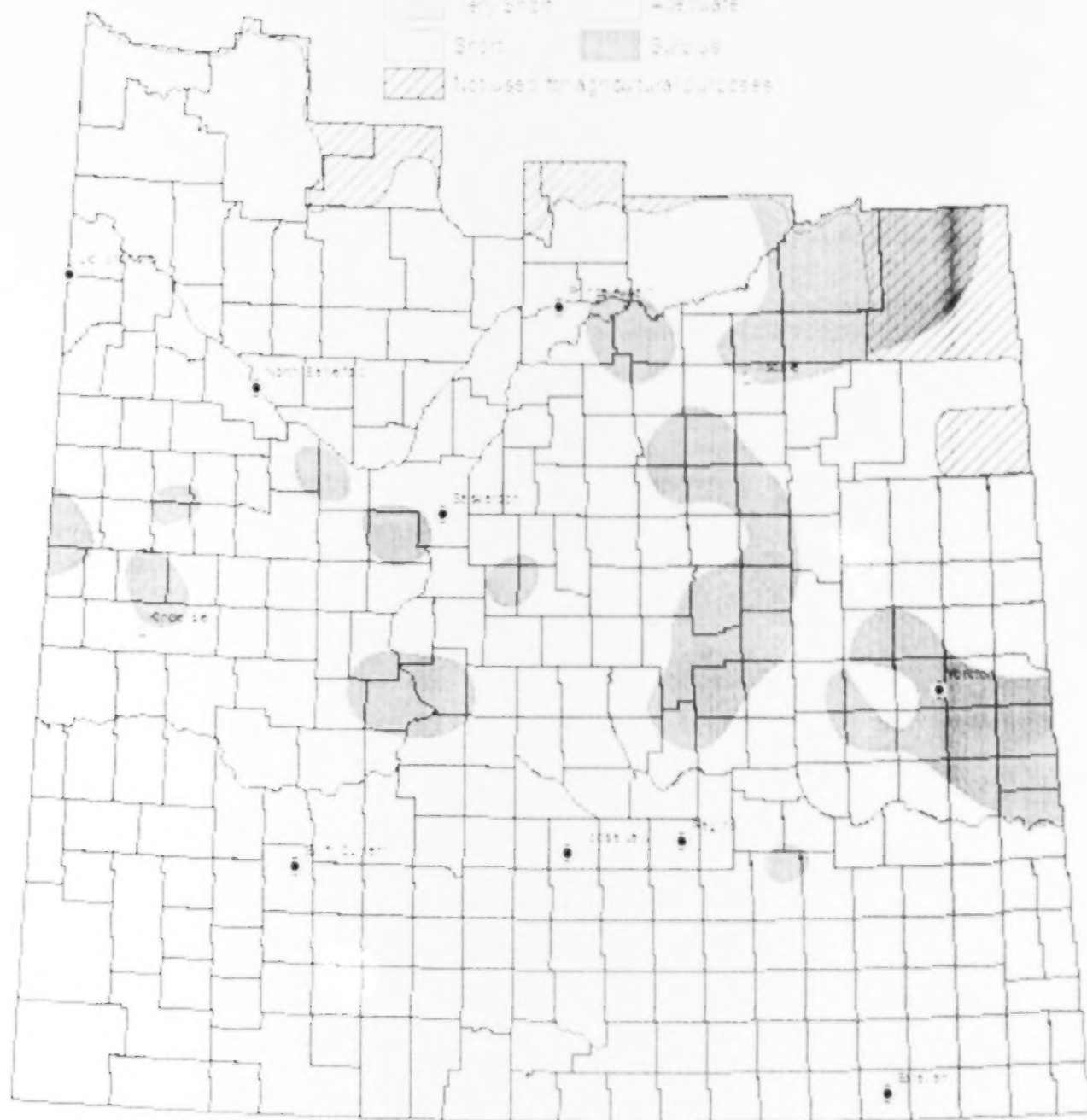
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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 7, 2006

Moisture Conditions



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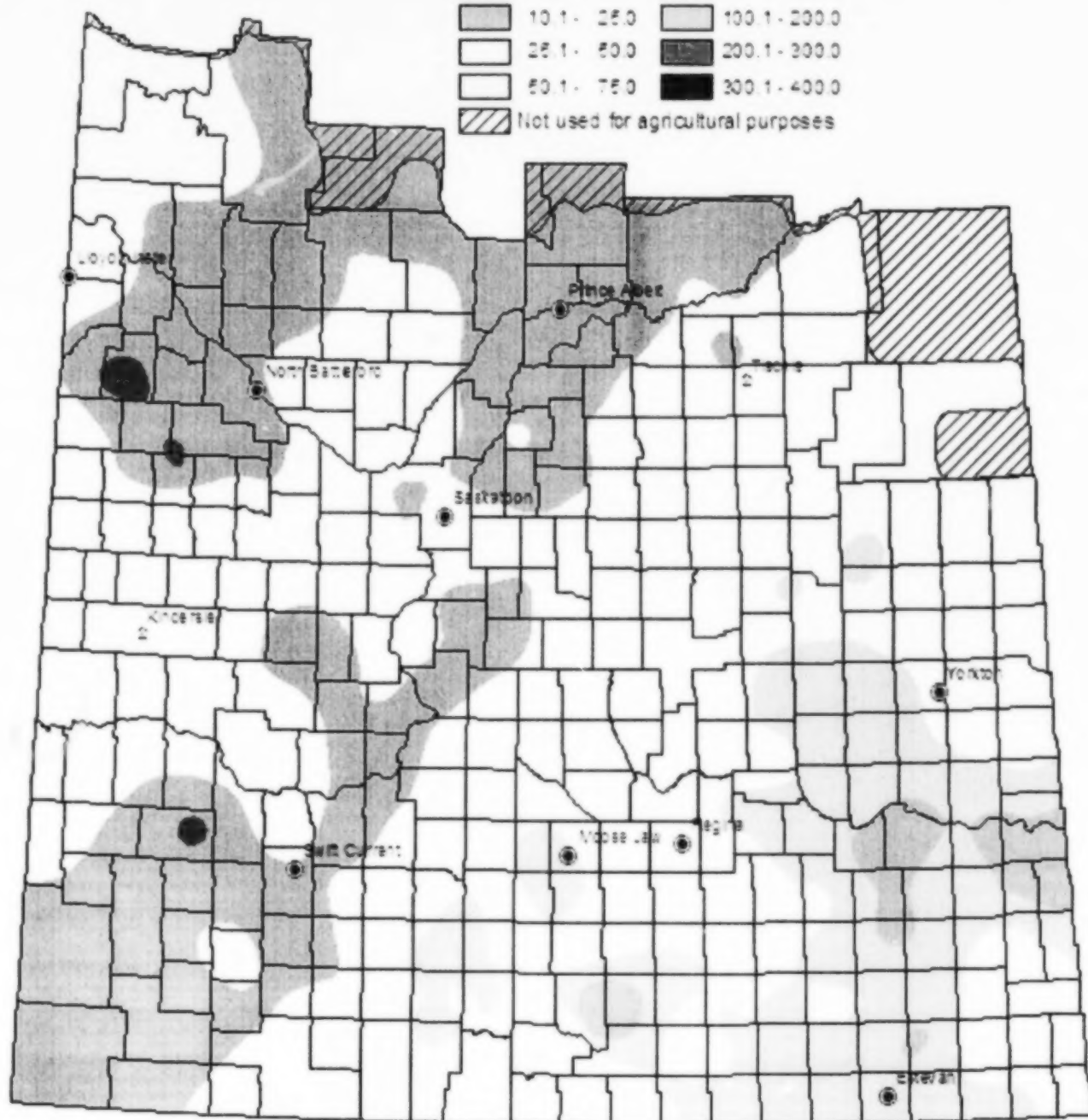
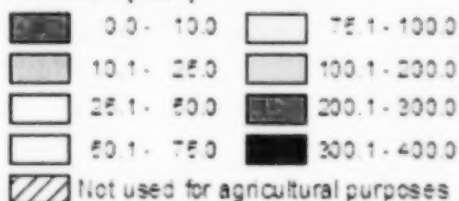


Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2006

To: May 6, 2006

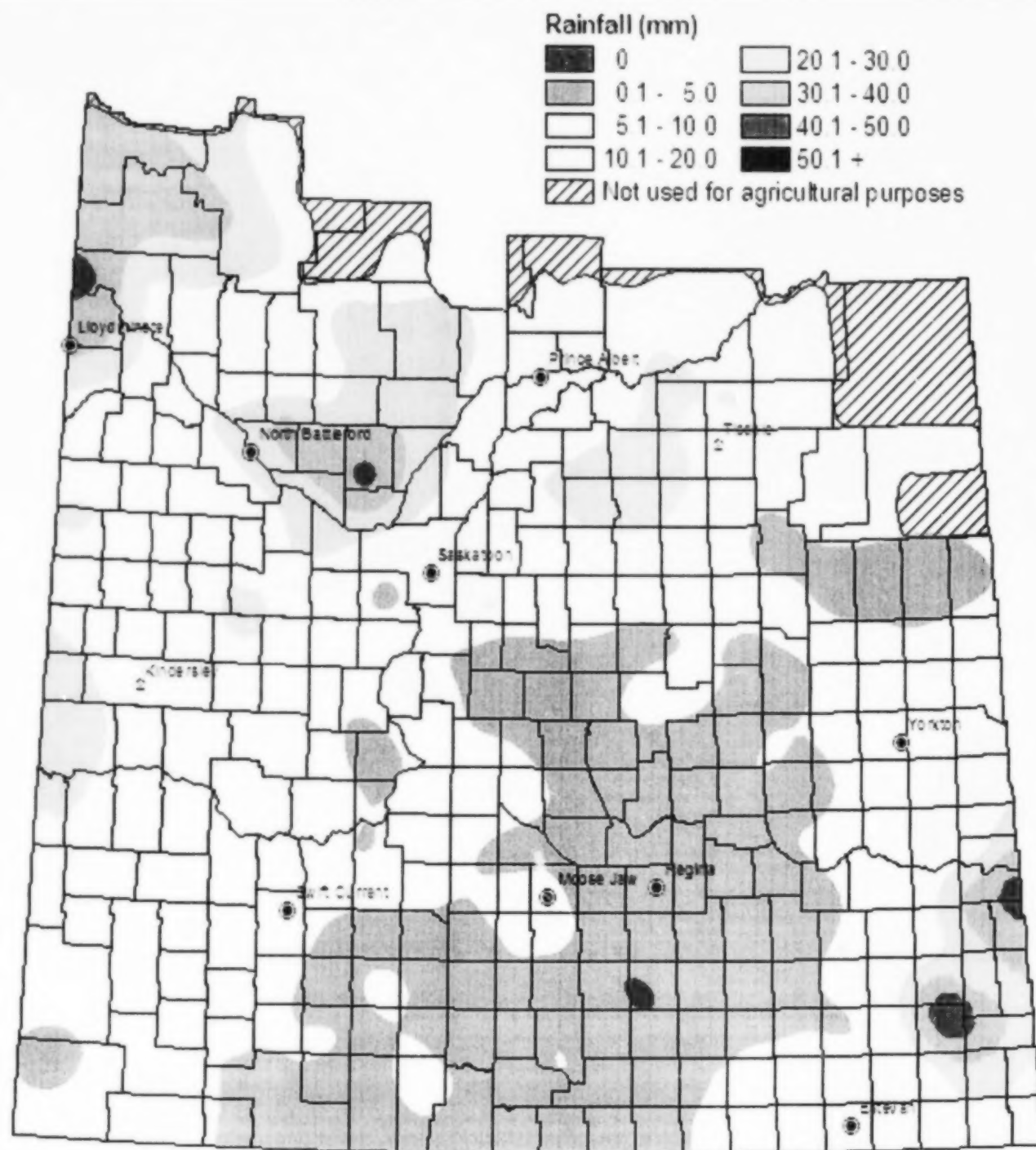
Rainfall (mm)



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Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending May 6, 2006

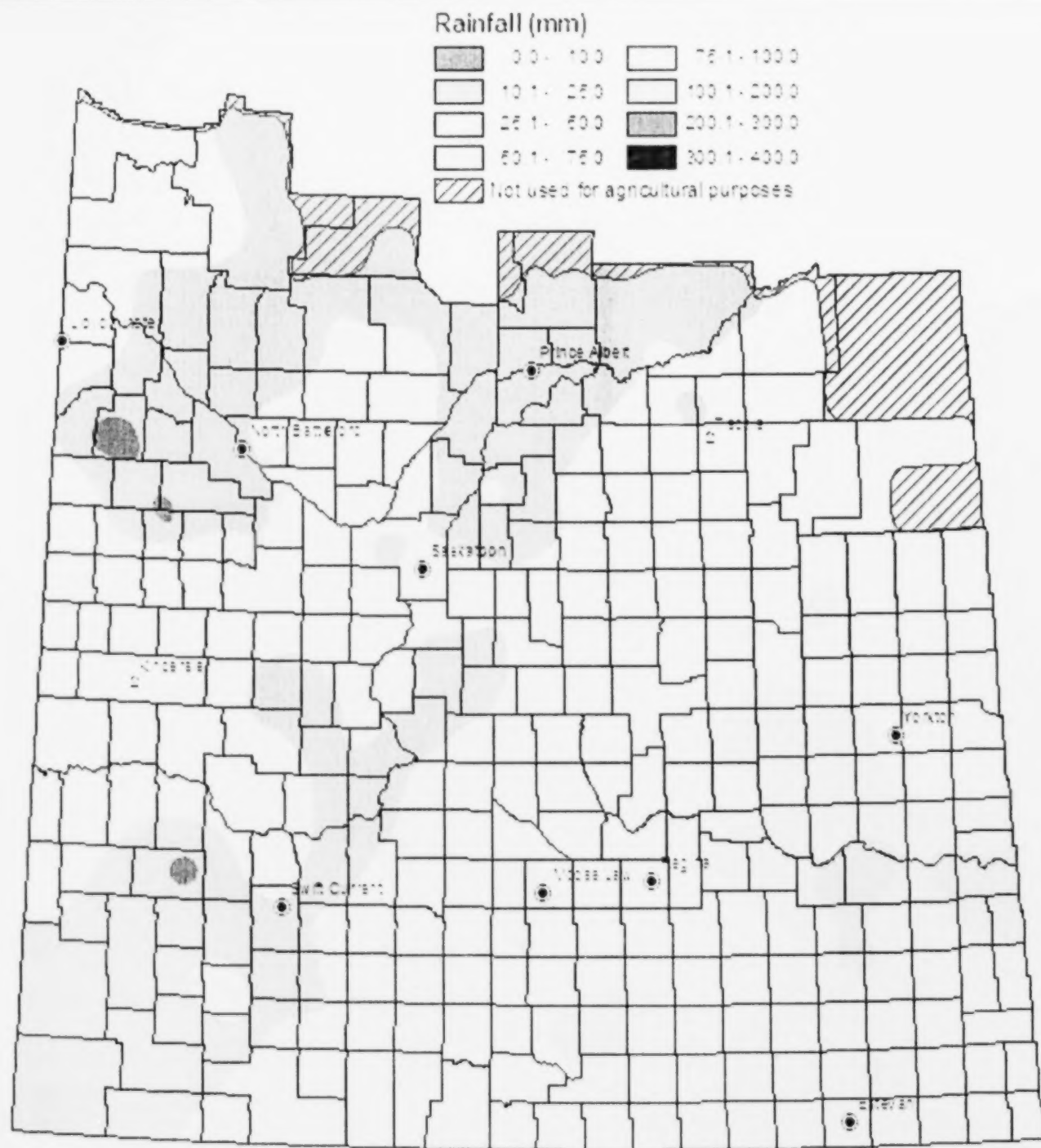


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Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2006

To: May 6, 2006



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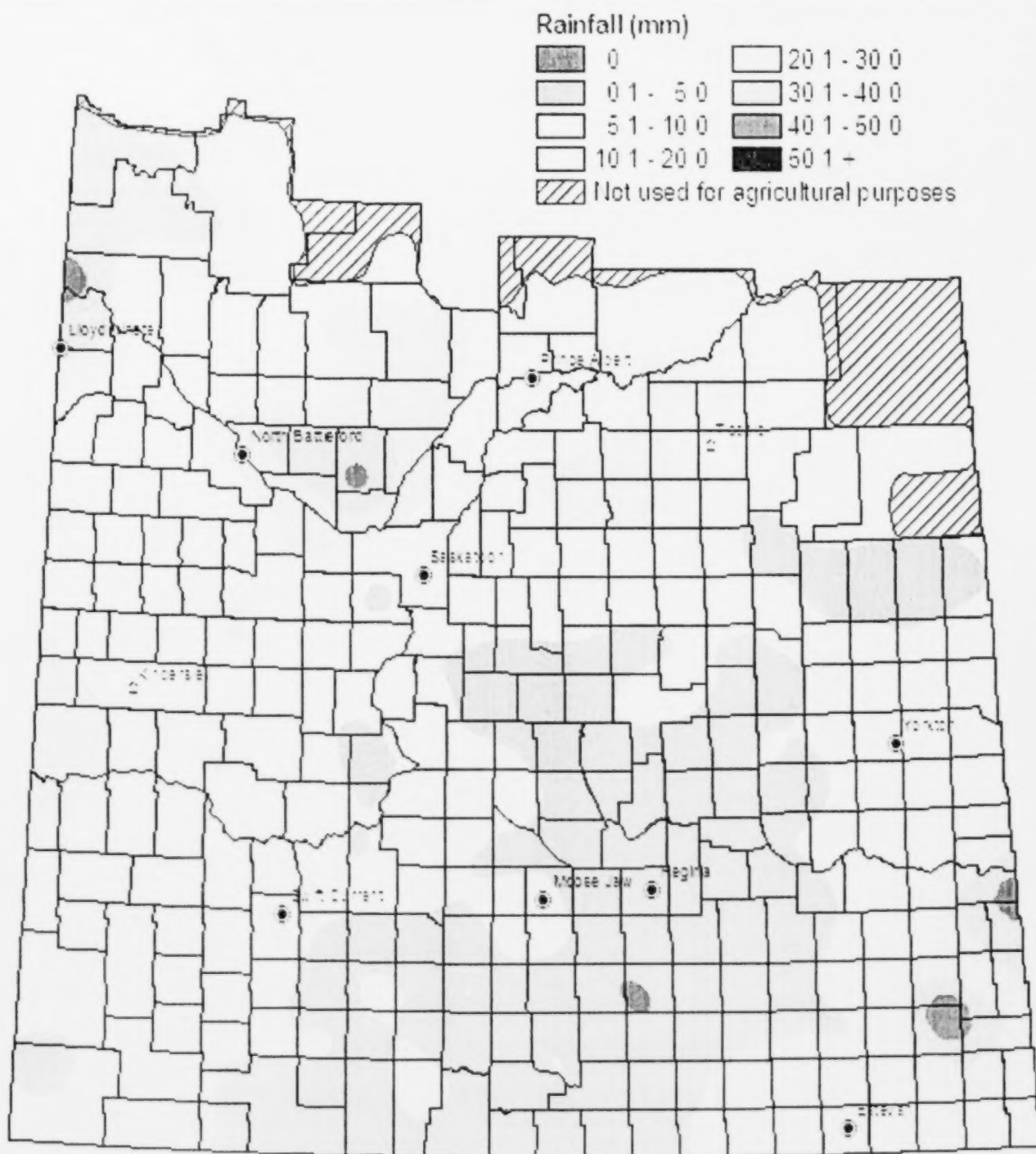


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Map of Saskatchewan showing cumulative rainfall from April 1, 2006, to May 6, 2006.

Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending May 6, 2006



NOTES: 1. This rainfall map is based on the rainfall data for the week ending May 6, 2006. 2. The rainfall data is based on the rainfall data for the week ending May 6, 2006. 3. The rainfall data is based on the rainfall data for the week ending May 6, 2006.



